

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

-Subject: Rauwolfia

B In a conversation at _____ with
C _____ and _____ in connection with ARTICHOKE and
other matters, the conversation at one time turned to the
C matter of Rauwolfia. _____ remarked something to the
effect that Rauwolfia had a strong potentiating effect in
C connection with alcohol or when _____ used with alcohol.
Be so far as the writer remembers attributed this to

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SUBJ: Sarcocolla Serpentina

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This is a native Indian plant which has remarkable psychogenic qualities. Many United States chemical houses including Staibb and Ciba are attempting to bring out chemical extracts from this plant or to synthesize the drug. Some of the trade names being used are Reserpin and Serposil.

The drug apparently has amazing, relaxing, sedative qualities. It is reported that in animals it will convert a violently aggressive dangerous condition to a completely docile one. It is reported that dangerous apes have been rendered harmless in very short periods of time by use of this drug. There is however very little information on its use or ~~how~~ although there is probably some information available in India in this connection.

dangerous in human

A [redacted] and [redacted] are
examining local [redacted] material
on this and [redacted] will check
this out at the Amer Psychiatric
Assoc Convention at St Louis
3-7 May 54.